

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Diocese of Prince George

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December 8, 2024 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Catholic community nourished through the Word and the Sacraments.
Striving to follow Christ,
we reach out and welcome all,
witnessing through loving actions
in service, education, and celebration.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday 9:30AM – 3:00PM

MASS TIMES: Daily Monday – Friday 9:00AM
Sunday 9:00AM, 11:00AM & 7:00PM

SACRAMENTS: Baptism Contact Parish Office
Reconciliation Before Mass, or by appointment
Marriage Contact Parish Office at least six months in advance



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K of C Meetings 2nd Thursday of the month

VOCATIONS: Fr. Terry Brock

**The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the Lord."**

Luke 3:1-6

2nd Sunday of Advent—December 8, 2024

MORE ON THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Each Sunday of Advent takes on a particular character as suggested by

the Gospel reading.

Week I The Lord's coming in glory at the end of time (the *parousia*).

Weeks II and III John the Baptist and his message of preparation and repentance.

Week IV Events that immediately prepare for the Lord's birth.

The Old Testament readings are prophecies about the coming of the Lord and the promise of messianic fulfilment. The writings of the prophet Isaiah are especially prominent during Advent.

The selections from the writing of the Apostles offer instructions and exhortations on the different themes and ideas of the season.

ADVENT WEEKDAYS

The readings of the first part of Advent centre on a semi-continuous reading of the prophet Isaiah, with gospel passages that reflect a sense of fulfilment of the reading.

During the second week, the gospel readings introduce us to John the Baptist as the one who prepares us for the coming of the Lord (at Christmas and at the end of time) through his message of repentance.

Finally, beginning on December 17th, the gospel readings from Matthew and Luke recount the events that prepared for the Lord's birth. The first readings present important messianic passages that relate to the gospel text.

THE PROPHETS

The writings of the prophets (especially Isaiah) and the images they use in their books find a special place in Advent. However, it is important to remember that we read the prophets not because they somehow detail specific details of the coming of Jesus, but because of the intimate relation between the longing that they express and the fulfilment that Jesus brings. The plan and pattern of the Old Testament directs us to the coming of Christ and to the messianic kingdom that he inaugurates. In the works of the prophets, the Church finds the language and symbols that help it express the mystery of the coming of the Saviour.



School Staff and Helpers are very happy to host the **Seniors Christmas Luncheon today, December 8, after the**

11:00AM Mass.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Sun	Dec 8	9AM	RIP of Rosaire Dupperon
		11AM	For the people of IC
		7PM	For the Domano Sisters
Mon	Dec 9	9AM	RIP of Paula Zobl
Tues	Dec 10	9AM	RIP of Joseph Perrins
Wed	Dec 11	9AM	For the intentions of Brent Johnson for healing
Thu	Dec 12	9AM	RIP of Fr. Nick Forde
Fri	Dec 13	9AM	RIP of Romeo and Lillian Parent

Mass intentions may be requested for various reasons (eg. a deceased loved one, someone who is ill, a birthday or anniversary, etc.) A Mass offering may be given for the intention but is not required. If you have a Mass intention, please call the parish office by Wednesday of each week so that the intention can be published in the bulletin.

Mark your calendar! UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Feast Day Potluck December 9, 2024 5:30 PM see poster for more information**
- **RCIA – Tuesday, December 10, 2024 7:00 PM in the meeting room.**
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word –today and Sunday, December 22 at the 11AM Mass ONLY. Every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.**
- **Monthly Adoration at Domano Chapel-- Returns to the 2nd Wednesday of the month which is December 11, 2024 8AM to 8PM.**
- **K of C Monthly Meeting – Next meeting will be Thursday, December 12, 2024 –every 2nd Thursday of the month @ 7:00PM**
- **K of C Pancake Breakfast –Sunday, December 15, after the 9AM and 11AM Mass – every third Sunday of the month. Our school choir will be performing and there will be a special guest.**
- **Family Movie Night in the Church Hall December 20, 2024 at 6PM to 8PM -see poster in foyer for more details**

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ADVENT IS A TIME TO Reconciliation Times in the City

- Dec 11, 2024, at 6:00PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral
- Dec 13, 2024, at 6:00PM at St. Mary's Parish
- Dec 17, 2024, at 6:30PM at Christ Our Saviour
- Dec 19, 2024, 7:00 PM at Immaculate Conception

ADVENT RESOURCES

- [Bishop Barron – Three Comings of Christ Prepare us for Advent](#)
- [CCCB Journey Through Advent](#)
- [Advent in Two Minutes](#)
- [A Catholic Mom's Life](#)

HOW
TO
Advent

2025 Donation Envelopes

Please pick up 2025 Church envelopes in the foyer. They are in alphabetical order by last name.

For those who donate with pre-authorized debits (PADs) or e-transfers (EFT) there are Special Collection envelope packages available. If you would like or need envelopes, please email the parish office know.

A package of envelopes costs \$7.00, consequently those who used five or less envelopes in 2024 have not been issued a package this year. Also, if you use EFT only, and **had an envelope number under #160**, please do not quote your number, as that number has been given to someone else who donates by cash or cheque. Thankyou.

ATTENTION ALL BAKERS

The third week of every month, a group of 12 to 15 parishioners make soup and sandwiches which are distributed from the St. Vincent de Paul facility on 2nd Avenue. There is a need for donations of baked goods which will also be served. Please bring cookies, squares, dessert loaves etc. (bagged for individual distribution) to the Church on the Sunday prior. (Dec 15, Jan 12)

Any monetary donations which will help to defray the cost of the sandwiches are gratefully appreciated. Place donations in an envelope marked "SOUP KITCHEN" and place the envelope in the collection basket. Thank you.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD BANK

The focus in DECEMBER will be DRINKS (*coffee, tea, hot chocolate, juice etc.*) and school lunch snacks, but ALL non-perishable food items will continue to be accepted. **THERE IS A BOX IN THE FOYER FOR YOUR DONATIONS.**

Our Parish Goal:

\$ 28,357

Our Project Goal:

\$ 6,000

Total Goal:

\$34,357

Total Pledges Received to date:

\$ 21,480

76% of our Goal



Thank you to all who have contributed to the Appeal to date. We ask for your continued participation both financially and in prayer.

Diocesan Wednesday Weekly for the week of December 4 2024

You are invited to celebrate our
Parish Feast Day
**The Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Monday, December 9, 2024

Potluck Supper at 5:30PM

There will be
special entertainment.

*Mary is the Mother of
all nations, and we
would like to invite our
parishioners,
to dress in the attire
of their native land.*

The parish will provide beverages.
We ask ALL to bring a main dish that can be shared.

(Enough to feed your family)

For those whose last name starts:

A to H; bring a main dish & vegetable or salad
I to O; bring a main dish & rice, potatoes, or pasta
P to Z; bring a main dish and a dessert.

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WHAT IS THE YEAR OF JUBILEE 2025?

In late December, the Church begins a **Christian Jubilee Year** to mark our pilgrimage through time to God's eternal Kingdom.

Pope Boniface VIII instituted the first Jubilee Year in 1300 AD, and this special observance has been held regularly since then.



On Friday, December 6, at 6:00pm

a talk will be given at St. Mary's on

"The Jubilee Year and Jubilee throughout History"

To learn more, click on the link or enter into your web browser to find out about the Year of Jubilee.

<https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en/giubileo-2025/segni-del-giubileo.html> -- See insert for more information



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